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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the request for continued examination filed on 04/13/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-34 and 36-38.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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/David Lazaro/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2455
September 17, 2010

/Marie Georges Henry/
Examiner, Art Unit 2455

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office correspondence is a response to the applicant's request for continued examination filed on April 13, 2010.
3. Claim 1-39 are pending.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Shenker Registration No. 34, 250 on 9/17/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1-5 (Previously Presented).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): In a system including an apparatus for processing multimedia contents, a method for selecting a desired modality from a plurality of

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modalities each of which is adoptable by a multimedia item as an alternative to any other modality of the plurality of modalities, the desired modality being for adopting the multimedia item to one or more media resources, the method comprising:

(1) for each said modality, obtaining by the system a content value specification associated with a set of one or more resource values each of which is a value of the one or more media resources each of which is a resource of a network or terminal, the content value specification providing a content value for each of said one or more resource values in the associated set, wherein the sets associated with at least two of the modalities overlap;

(2) obtaining by the system a resource value v1 belonging to at least two of the sets; and

(3) selecting by the system the desired modality from the modalities whose associated sets contain the resource value v1, the desired modality being selected using the content value specifications of the modalities whose associated sets contain the resource value v1;

wherein the method further comprises, after operation (3), converting by the system the multimedia item's modality into the desired modality;

wherein the content value specifications are obtained from content value curves and scale factors for said modalities;

wherein each of the content value specifications is obtained by combining quality curves that are measured according to two or more different qualities.

Claims 7-17 (Previously Presented).

Claim 18 (Currently Amended). In a system including an apparatus for processing multimedia contents, a method for building an overlap content model for a multimedia item which is available in any one of a plurality of alternative modalities, the overlap content model being for providing a desired modality from the plurality of modalities in response to a resource value which is a value of one or more media resources, the method comprising:

(1) for each said modality, obtaining by the system a content value specification associated with a set of one or more resource values each of which is a value of the one or more media resources each of which is a resource of a network or terminal, the content value specification providing a content value for each of said one or more resource values in the associated set, wherein the sets associated with at least two of the modalities overlap;

(2) determining by the system, from the content value specifications, sub-sets of said sets, wherein for each said sub-set, one of the content value specifications provides a maximum content value for each resource value in the sub-set, wherein the modality associated with said one of the content value specifications is the desired modality for each resource value in the sub-set;

wherein at least one of the sub-sets includes a resource value belonging to at least two of said sets;

wherein at least one said content value specification is obtained by combining quality specifications associated with respective different qualities, each quality specification providing, for each resource value in the associated set, a content value based on the respective quality.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented).

Claim 20 (Currently Amended). In a system including an apparatus for processing multimedia contents, a method for selecting a desired modality from a plurality of modalities each of which is adoptable by a multimedia item as an alternative to any other modality of the plurality of modalities, the desired modality being for adopting the multimedia item to one or more media resources, the method comprising:

(1) the system obtaining data which define, for each said modality, a content value specification associated with a set of one or more resource values each of which is a value of the one or more media resources each of which is a resource of a network or terminal, the content value specification providing a content value for each of said one or more resource values in the associated set;

wherein for at least one modality which is one of said modalities, the associated content value specification depends on each of a plurality of quality specifications that are different from each other, wherein each quality specification associates each resource value in the content value specification's associated set with a quality-specific content value for the modality, the associated set comprising a plurality of resource values;

wherein for at least said one modality, the data defines the quality specifications to define the associated content value specification;

(2) the system obtaining a resource value v1 belonging to at least one of the sets;
and

(3) the system selecting the desired modality from said modalities, the desired modality's content value specification's associated set containing the resource value v1.

Claims 21-30 (Previously Presented).

Claim 31 (Currently Amended). A method of converting a modality of multimedia contents to support Quality of Service (QoS) of the multimedia contents according to media resources, comprising the steps of:

receiving a modality conversion descriptor in which characteristics of modality conversion of the multimedia contents are described;

receiving the multimedia contents; and

converting the modality of the multimedia contents into a modality that is determined according to a media resource and the modality conversion descriptor,

wherein the modality conversion descriptor describes modalities of the media resource, a scale factor for each of the modalities of the media resource, and for each modality describes a plurality of quality curves, and a scale factor for each quality curve, wherein for each modality the corresponding quality curves and the scale factors define a content value curve for the modality of the media resource, wherein each of the content value curves is obtained by combining quality curves that are measured according to two or more different qualities.

Claims 32-34 (Previously Presented).

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Claim 35 (Presently Cancelled).

Claim 36 (Currently Amended). An apparatus for converting a modality of multimedia contents to support QoS of the multimedia contents according to media resources, comprising:

means for receiving a modality conversion descriptor in which characteristics of modality conversion of the multimedia contents are described; and

means for converting the modality of the multimedia contents into a modality that is determined according to a media resource and the modality conversion descriptor,

wherein the modality conversion descriptor describes modalities of the media resource, a scale factor for each of the modalities of the media resource, and for each modality describes a plurality of quality curves, and a scale factor for each quality curve, wherein for each modality the corresponding quality curves and the scale factors define a content value curve for the modality of the media resource, wherein each of the content value curves is obtained by combining quality curves that are measured according to two or more different qualities.

Claims 37-38 (Previously Presented).

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Claim 39 (Presently Cancelled).

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-34 and 36-38 are allowed for the following reasons: prior art fails to disclose with the rest of limitations method and apparatus for converting the modality of multimedia contents to support the quality of service according to media resources where "the content value specification is obtained by combining different quality, specifications each of which provides a content value for a resource value", and where "one or more of Pi or M provide a content value for a resource value. Thus, Pi and M do not correspond to quality specifications of claim 21," as stated in page 15, lines 3-7 of Applicant's argument on November 30, 2010.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

CORRESPONDANCE INFORMATION

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be

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directed to **Marie Georges Henry whose telephone number is (571)**

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/Marie Georges Henry/

Examiner, Art Unit 2455

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2455

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